As a citizen I am dead set against lift the cross ownership ban. Corporate ownership of mulitple venues of the media has already diluted the quality of news which is often nothing more than advertisments interspersed with bits of fluff. As a recent subscriber to a satellite system I had hoped that with so many channels to choose from I could find more diversity of opinion and commentary. Instead it is just more channels droning on with basically the same sound bites, same video clips, same advertisers, just different talking heads. The state of news reporting in this country is appalling. Lifting the cross ownership ban would just make it more so. I urge you not to do this and to consider reviewing the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and return the airwaves back to their rightful owners, the American public. this would be a truly patriotic thing to do.